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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MFN ASSURANCES

REFERENCE: BUDAPEST 4155 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT WAS CONCERNED THAT, IN SPITE OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S FULL EXPOSITION OF CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO MFN PROBLEMS, GOH MIGHT TEND TO HEAR WHAT IT WISHED TO HEAR AND ACT ON ASSUMPTION THAT SOME GENERAL STATEMENT ON GOH EMIGRATION POLICY AND PRACTICE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG (EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESS) AS "ASSURANCES" REQUIRED UNDER TRADE ACT OF 1974. OBVIOUS GOH RELUCTANCE TO APPEAR TO BE CONSULTING WITH US IN ANY WAY (PARA ONE BUDAPEST 4173) IN THIS REGARD ADDS TO OUR DOUBTS.

2. HOWEVER, IF IN YOUR MIND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT "GOH
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FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT ANY STATEMENT IT MIGHT MAKE ON HUMAN

RIGHTS IS ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE AND THAT SUCH A UNILATERAL STATEMENT COULD BE NO MORE THAN A FIRST STEP TO SET THE STAGE FOR LATER MORE CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS RE MFN WITHIN BILATERAL FRAMEWORK", WE ARE PREPARED TO AWAIT PUJA STATEMENT BEFORE CONSIDERING FURTHER NEED FOR CLARIFICATION OF OUR POSITION TO GOH. KISSINGER

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